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The Honorable Robert G. Taub
Acting Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200
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Chairman Taub:

I am one of millions of small American businesses that suffer economic damage from the unfairly low terminal dues charged for Chinese packages being shipped into the US.

To ship a two ounce package costs me over 250% of what a Chinese shipper pays to deliver the same package to a US customer. This creates an unfair imbalance, giving Chinese ecommerce merchants a powerful and unjust advantage over domestic sellers who benefit our own country's economy by creating employment.

The expense of the ever growing burden of Chinese packages in the USPS system also drives up the future fees I must pay for shipping. The inequity of the current terminal dues system is one large factor in constantly rising postal rates.

China is not a developing country in the arena of ecommerce. Rather, it is currently dominating much of ecommerce in our country. It should not be given the same economic advantages the UPU extends to developing nations.

Charging Chinese shippers terminal dues fees substantial enough to cover the expense USPS bears to deliver the package will have strong positive effects on the American economy, especially for small businesses engaging in ecommerce. It will also ease one significant and growing financial burden upon our USPS system, which is necessary for the infrastructure of our country and is already struggling on many fronts.

I ask that you represent the interests of the American economy and the concerns of the American people when making your statement to the State Department on this matter. We need your help, your strongest representation of our concerns. I ask that you make every effort within your means to change the current terminal dues system in place, so that Chinese package terminal dues actually cover the cost of their delivery.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jerri Grable Mullis